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NEWS AND NOTES

Notes of interest to the readers of the *Journal* should be in the hands of the editor of "News and Notes" not later than the tenth of the month preceding publication.

The Sociological Institute of Poznan.—In connection with the sociological department of the University of Poznan (Poland) a Sociological Institute has been established under the direction of Professor Florian Znaniecki, formerly lecturer in the University of Chicago. The aims of the Institute are: (1) to collect first hand sociological materials which will be organized and placed at the disposal of scientific workers; (2) to prepare and publish theoretic monographs based upon the materials collected; (3) to train investigators (in connection with the sociological seminar of the University); (4) to prepare and publish a general sociological bibliography.

The Institute has now four permanent assistants and hopes to increase their number if its funds will permit it to do so. Some professors of the University are collaborating in the research work in the lines which touch their specialties, and a certain amount of collaboration is required of all advanced students of the sociological seminar. Research has been actually started in the following fields:

1. Sociology of the working class in connection with the problem of production. The Institute collects autobiographies of workers, and memoirs and observations of intellectuals who are in touch with the working class. Besides, two assistants are engaged in investigating factory groups, all the workmen working in a given factory being treated as a social unit and studied both individually and collectively. A study of workmen's economic and political organizations will complete this field of research.

Several comparative monographs based on the materials obtained thus far will be ready by the end of the year.

2. Recent evolution of the family. A competition has been announced throughout the country for the best complete history of a family during three generations, if possible supported by authentic documents. The results will also serve as a basis for monographic papers.

3. Social conditions of public education. The materials will consist chiefly of memoirs of public-school teachers and special studies of the social environment of public schools.

4. Evolution of the social functions of the woman in family and public life. The research will be based mainly upon unpublished family and court documents from the fourteenth century down to present times, on modern autobiographies and special investigations of individual and collective public activities of women.

5. Delinquency, mainly juvenile delinquency, with special notice of war conditions as contributive factors.

Other investigations are also in view but cannot be begun because of the lack of funds resulting from the general impoverishment of the country during the war and the many competitive needs connected with the general reconstruction of Polish cultural institutions. For the same reasons research is now limited to the territory of Poland.

Nevertheless the Institute is ready to carry on at a minimal cost any sociological research or simply to collect materials on any problem in any country east of Poland, in Russia, the Baltic states or the Balkans, by special order of foreign scientists or institutions. It also offers freely the use of the first-hand documents which it has already collected to any scientist who may be interested in them: copies or translations can be made and sent anywhere. It will always keep a detailed catalogue of the unpublished materials in its possession and mail it on demand free of cost.

This offer is motivated by the consideration that in sociological research, as in certain other fields of science, e.g., terrestrial magnetism, an international co-operation has become necessary. No important sociological generalization can be reached without extensive comparative studies carried on in various societies. Meanwhile, it is difficult, often impossible, and always very expensive to obtain really valuable sociological materials in a foreign country without an adequate organization, a complete knowledge of the language and conditions, and a sufficient number of established social relations. Thus the whole work should be carried on by a number of independent scientific institutions scattered all over the world, communicating, co-operating, and exchanging their results.

The Journal of Social Forces.—The prospectus of a new sociological periodical, the *Journal of Social Forces*, has recently been received. The major articles in the first number of the Journal which appears this month are "Measuring Social Forces" by Franklin H. Giddings, "State Programs of Public Welfare in the South" by Burr Blackburn, and "Newer Developments in Community Organization and Community Work" by Jesse F. Steiner. A feature of the new publication is its

"Departmental Contributions" under the following heads: conferences for social work; interstate reports from the fields of public welfare and social work; the church and social service; inter-racial co-operation; national, state, and local country-life programs; progress in town and city problems; the work of women's organizations; and teaching the social sciences.

Associated with Professor Howard W. Odum, the managing editor of the *Journal of Social Forces*, are his colleagues in the department of sociology and school of public welfare of the University of North Carolina: E. C. Branson, Jesse F. Steiner, Dudley D. Carroll, and Harold D. Meyer. The contributing editors include Will W. Alexander, Lee D. Bidgood, Ernest W. Burgess, Emory S. Bogardus, E. C. Brooks, Burr Blackburn, John L. Gillin, Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, Gerald W. Johnson, Owen R. Lovejoy, Joseph C. Logan, William F. Ogburn, G. Croft Williams.

The American Country Life Association.—The fifth annual conference of the Association is held at Teachers College, Columbia University, November 9, 10, and 11, 1922. Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts State Agricultural College is president of the Association. The general theme of the conference, "The Education of the Country Community," is considered under the following heads: education of the country child, adult education in the country community, ethical and religious resources of the country community, effective rural leadership, and educational values of rural community organization.

Boston University.—Socioanalysis, an evening course in sociology, is offered for the first semester of the college year 1922-23 by Professor Ernest R. Groves. The course will consist of a discussion of the social development of personality in the light of recent science. Among the fall announcements of the University of Chicago Press is a new book *The Rural Mind and Social Welfare* by Dr. Groves.

Clark University.—Harry Elmer Barnes, professor of the history of thought and culture, has been appointed acting professor of sociology pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Professor Frank H. Hankins. Professor Barnes is conducting the advanced course in systematic sociology. The introductory courses in the department are given by three newly appointed instructors, Robert C. Dexter, Albert Farnsworth, and John Burke O'Leary.

University of Chicago.—Professor Robert E. Park is studying the economic and social organization of European urban communities during the Autumn Quarter.

Dartmouth College.—*The Russian Immigrant* by Professor Jerome Davis of the department of sociology is a recent Macmillan publication. Dr. Davis not only spent three years in Russia during the war, but he has lately studied the chief Russian colonies in the United States.

Cotner College.—Professor Ernest W. Lundeen has charge of the courses in sociology and economics.

Denison College.—The University of Chicago Press announces the publication of *The Negro Press in the United States* by Frederick G. Detweiler of the department of sociology.

University of Denver.—The University of Denver has established a department of sociology. While sociology has been taught in the university for a number of years it has been done in connection with other departments. Professor G. S. Dow, for the past three years head of the department of sociology in Baylor University, has been elected head of the new department.

Indiana University.—Dr. Ulysses G. Weatherly spent the summer at the University of Colorado where he delivered a series of lectures. During his absence the courses in sociology in the summer session at Indiana were conducted by Assistant Professors Thomas Luck and Shelley D. Watts.

University of Kansas.—A volume entitled *The History of Social Work in the Light of History* by Professor Stuart A. Queen has been recently published in Lippincott's sociological series.

University of Nebraska.—Professor Hutton Webster's *Primitive Secret Societies* has recently appeared in an Italian version by Dr. R. Pettazzoni, of the Royal University of Bologna. A Japanese translation of the book was published a few years ago.

Northwestern University.—Professor E. H. Southerland of the University of Illinois taught courses in sociology in the summer term.

University of South Carolina.—Mr. G. Croft Williams, secretary of the state board of public welfare of South Carolina, has resigned and

accepted the position of adjunct professor of sociology at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Williams will offer courses in general and technical sociology.

University of Wisconsin.—Professor E. A. Ross returned in September from Mexico where he spent the summer in the study of social situations.

Professor J. L. Gillin who for the past academic year has been on leave of absence from the University of Wisconsin, to serve as Educational Director of the American Red Cross at Washington, D.C., has returned to the University for his regular work in sociology. During the past year as Educational Director, he made a study of the courses of training for social work in the United States. He visited all of the important universities and training schools for social work in the country. He was also responsible for a number of institutes for Red Cross secretaries already employed who need further instruction.

Section on Rural Sociology American Sociological Society.—The program for the Section on Rural Sociology, Wednesday, December 27, Auditorium Hotel, 2:00 P.M., is as follows: "Sociological Significance of the Rural Surveys of the Interchurch World Movement," Edward DeS. Brunner, Director Town and County Survey, Committee on Social and Religious Surveys, New York City, 30 minutes; Discussion led by Walter Burr, Kansas State Agricultural College, 10 minutes; "Surveying the Farmers' Standard of Life," E. L. Kirkpatrick, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, 30 minutes; Discussion led by John M. Gillette, University of North Dakota, 10 minutes; Round Table Discussion: "Laboratory and Field Work for Elementary Courses in Rural Sociology." How much is desirable? What exercises are practicable and beneficial. E. R. Groves, Boston University, W. E. Garnett, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, C. E. Lively, Ohio State University, George H. VonTungeln, Iowa State College, 15 minutes each. Business.